Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 149.

Preparation of the *pahani* B, C, D and E accounts.

Messrs. C. Vaiuana Rao, Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—These accounts are now required to be prepared once every year, although no changes occur which are to be noted therein. Fresh accounts may be ordered to be prepared only when any changes actually occur in the sources of irrigation or the extent under occupancy.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered. The accounts do not require to be newly written out every year.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Darkhasts for *banjar* lands.

Messrs. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur taluk, and Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Municipality; C. Narahariah and Chennalingappa, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When a *banjar* land is applied for, for purposes of cultivation, the grant of the *Saguvalichit* is delayed, sometimes till the cultivation season is over. It is prayed that in such cases, kandayam may be levied from the following year. A rule on the lines indicated in Government reply to Subject No. 119 (2) of R. A. P. of 1910 may be framed early; and the month of September may be fixed for the Koppa taluk as the latest date on which any sowings can take place there.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration. A report has been called for from the Revenue Commissioner as to whether different dates should be fixed in accordance with local circumstances in each district.

SUBJECT No. 151.

The preservation of the *khaneshumari* account.

Mr. Bhaskar Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The *khaneshumari* is an important account preserved for only a short period in the records. As it is in several cases the only record of the rights of private persons regarding the ownership of dwellings and house sites, it is prayed that orders may be passed directing its preservation for at least thirty years.

Reply of Government.—Unnecessary. The *khaneshumari* is only a statistical register.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Sale certificate for purchase of lands in revenue sales.

Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Payanna, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is not clearly stated in the Revenue Rules whether it is obligatory on the part of the purchaser of lands at a revenue sale to obtain a sale certificate, as is the case in a Civil Court sale. Pray that clear orders be issued in the matter.

Reply of Government.—The Revenue Code does not require the purchaser at the revenue sale to obtain a sale certificate and it is optional with him to do so if he wants to have an additional document of title.

SUBJECT No. 153.

Acceptance of unregistered annual leases in Revenue Courts.

Mr. Puttanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—The jurisdiction of Revenue Courts under Section 97, Land Revenue Code, should be extended to—

(1) unregistered documents (conformably with the exemption of certain agricultural leases from registration, *vide* Notification No. J. 3672—Reg. 28-07-6, dated 6th June 1908) ;

(2) oral agreements, at least in cases where the lease is admitted or proved by Civil Court record;

(3) suits brought outside the revenue year, or year of tenancy.

Reply of Government.—Impracticable.

SUBJECT No. 154.

Royalty on stones, sand, etc.

Messrs. Venkataramiah, and Ranganna, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Ryots of a village are allowed to remove free of cost, stones, earth, sand, etc., from their own village but they are charged with royalty when they remove such articles from other villages. Pray that the ryots of one village be allowed to take earth, stones, etc., from another neighbouring village free from royalty.

(*b*) The Public Works contractors are in the habit of removing earth, stones, etc., for purposes of road and other works without payment of any royalty thereon as required by the Government Order in the matter. Moreover these contractors should be directed to remove stones, etc., in such a way as not to cause inconvenience to the people of villages.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) The privileges given under existing rules are sufficient.

(*b*) Noted.

FOREST.

(*Nos. 155 to 176.*)

SUBJECT No. 155.

A Committee to consider the question of forest denudation.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is an opinion in some quarters that the forests are now being overworked. The Forest Department does not, however, accept the correctness of this statement. A Committee may be appointed to consider the question of denudation of forests.

For a timber tree to attain maturity it takes from 100 to 150 years. The number of trees likely to attain this age is rapidly decreasing. In the Muthodi State Forest, there used to be formerly 40 or 50 such trees per acre. Now there are only about 10.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 156.

The bonus on sandal trees.

(1) Messrs. Karibasaiya and Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi subtaluk; Messrs. C. Vamana Rao, Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Owing to the profuse growth of sandal trees in the malnad, the rule requiring the *darkhastdar* to pay the present value of the bonus of sandal trees on the lands applied for by him for cultivation is at present a hindrance to the free expansion of cultivation, as the present value of such bonus is, in several cases, a heavy sum. It is prayed that the present rule may be so altered as to vest the entire right over the sandal trees in Government. This will be beneficial both to the Government and the ryots.

(2) Mr. C. Subba Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

(2) The promise of refund of the amount paid by the ryot at some distant future date is a possibility so